

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1169

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 48

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 48 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF
AQUATIC RESOURCES AND DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES
ENFORCEMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH FEDERAL PARTNER AGENCIES TO
PROTECT IMPORTANT STATE MARINE RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request:

- (1) The Division of Aquatic Resources to strengthen administrative rules governing the protection of indigenous marine wildlife, particularly spinner dolphins, marine mammals, and sea turtles;
- (2) The Division of Aquatic Resources and Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement to increase collaboration with federal partners on federal rules related to spinner dolphins, marine mammals, and sea turtles; and
- (3) The Division of Aquatic Resources and Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement to continue to explore additional mechanisms to access federal and private funding for the protection of marine mammals and sea turtles.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources administrative rules regarding marine indigenous wildlife, particularly spinner dolphins, marine mammals, and sea turtles, should be strengthened and updated to complement existing federal regulations. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources should consult with federal partner agencies to explore new measures that would expand upon existing measures to manage these indigenous wildlife, as there are a number of potential federal and private funding sources that could help improve management of these indigenous wildlife, especially given limited state resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 48 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">SCR 48</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">WTL</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">03.23.15</div>		
<div><input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____</div>				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
THIELEN, Laura H. (C)	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)				X
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div></div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.5em;">S. P. Rivera</div>				
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